

THOMAS S. WOOTTON HIGH SCHOOL

EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES REQUIREMENTS

Extracurricular activities at Wootton High School add to the rich experience of Students in our community. Participation in the activities rounds out the students education taking them beyond the doors of the classroom. Those who are privileged to participate gain leadership opportunities that are not possible In the classroom. With the privileges come responsibilities for both students and parents.

Insurance

Each year the Board of Education makes available a Student Accident Policy at a nominal premium. Since accidents will inevitably occur despite our best efforts to maintain safety precautions in all student activities, the insurance coverage is recommended for all students participating in interscholastic athletics, unless the family deems that other insurance coverage (in force) will meet the needs of the student.

Student Eligibility

1. All students who are candidates for participation in interscholastic athletics are required to submit a medical evaluation form (SR-6) valid for the entire sports season, a parent permission form, and a transportation permission form, if necessary.
2. Unexcused absences or chronic tardiness to class or extracurricular activities (rehearsals, practices...) may be sufficient reason for declaring a student ineligible at any time. The coach, in consultation with the athletic director, or activity sponsor will determine the date and term of ineligibility.
3. In order to participate in any extracurricular event or practice, students are expected to be in all of their scheduled classes. The principal may excuse an extracurricular participant for prescheduled appointments such as a medical appointment, a driver's test, a court appearance or an unforeseen emergency. A student who is absent for any other reason other than those stated above is not eligible for participation and may not participate in the scheduled event that day.
4. Students must either bring a note for a prescheduled appointment for the signature of the principal, athletic director or assistant athletic director to receive approval for the absence. A student who is absent from class without obtaining prior approval is not eligible to participate in the extracurricular event that day. **Students who do not obtain pre-approval for their absence and participate in the extracurricular activity will not be allowed to participate in the first event after the absence is verified.**
5. If the participant has violated any regulation in #3 (above) or has an unexcused absence he/she may not participate in the next contest after the absence has been verified.
6. Participants who are enrolled in physical education classes must dress and actively participate in class on the day of an event.

Academic Standing

1. A student who has a failing grade in more than one subject at the end of a marking period shall automatically be ineligible during the next marking period and may not participate in any extracurricular activity. This rule does not apply to any student entering Wootton HS from a middle school or non-MCPS schools.
2. A student must have a grade point average of at least 2.0 each marking period. Nine-week grades determine one's extracurricular eligibility, not semester grades
3. **A marking period begins on the day the report cards are issued and continues until the day the next report cards are issued.**

Alcohol/Drugs/Tobacco

All students in the Wootton Community are expected to refrain from the use of alcohol, illegal drugs, and all tobacco products. This expectation holds for school sponsored events and non-school events. The consequences of violating this policy, given below, will be in addition to any consequences normally incurred for offences on school property. This policy covers the entire school year, regardless of a student's participation in a current extracurricular activity. The length of the consequences remaining at the conclusion of a school year will continue in the next school year following summer break.

1st offense - if the student is verified to have used illegal substances, the student will be suspended from extracurricular activities for 30 calendar days excluding holidays.

2nd offense - if the student is verified to have used illegal substances a second time, the student will have a 12-month ban on participation in any extracurricular event from the date of the initial suspension.

Students and parents must go through a reinstatement conference with an administrator, the athletic director, their counselor, and the coach or sponsor or any current activities in which the student wishes to participate.

Parent and Student Team Standards

The following standards are in effect for all extracurricular participants and parents. Additional regulation may be established by the coach or sponsor.

1. Maintain academic standing and scholastic eligibility as established by MCPS. It is the student's responsibility to be familiar with Students' Rights and Responsibilities Handbook and adhere to these standards.
2. Display proper behavior that will add to the good name of Thomas S. Wootton High School.
3. Maintain good community and school relationships.
4. Comply with all school rules and policies
5. Display Good sportsmanship at all times.

Major or consistent violations of school rules, and policy by extracurricular participants will result in removal from the team or activity. Major violations of school rules and policy by parents will result in removal from spectating at Wootton HS athletic events.

Suspension

Students who have out of school or in-school suspension cannot participate in extracurricular Activities from the time of the suspension until midnight of the final day of suspension unless otherwise specified by the principal of the school.

Age

Students who are 19 years old or older as of August 31 are ineligible to participate in interscholastic athletics for the school year ahead.

If you have any questions regarding this document, please contact the athletic director Mr. Rhett Ross, at (301) 279-8575.

Please complete and return this portion to the coach or sponsor. Parental signature serves as permission for the student to participate in the extracurricular program. Please save the top portion of this letter to use for a reference.

Name of Student (PLEASE PRINT) _____

Activity(ies) _____

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Student # _____

Please check:

I have read and understand this document.

I have read and understand that there are no exceptions to the Wootton High School participation requirements.

Parent's or Guardian's Name (Print)

Signature of Parent or Guardian

Signature of Student

Date